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DETAILED ACTION

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed 12/8/08 in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 11/7/08 has been entered.

Claims 1 has been amended.
Claims 1, 3-15, and 17-29 are pending.

- The restriction requirement for a specific species of superantigen and a specific species of APC targeting molecule is hereby withdrawn, and claims 5-6, 8-9, 21-22, and 29 are rejoined.
- 3. Claims 1, 3-13, 18-22, and 29 are directed to an allowable product. Pursuant to the procedures set forth in MPEP § 821.04(b), claims 14-15 and 17, directed to the process of making or using the allowable product, previously withdrawn from consideration as a result of a restriction requirement, are hereby rejoined and fully examined for patentability under 37 CFR 1.104. Claims 23-28, directed to the invention(s) of a patentably distinct product do not require all the limitations of an allowable product claim, and have NOT been rejoined.

Because a claimed invention previously withdrawn from consideration under 37 CFR 1.142 has been rejoined, the restriction requirement between groups I-IV, as set forth in the Office action mailed on 7/9/07, is hereby withdrawn. In view of the withdrawal of the restriction requirement as to the rejoined inventions, applicant(s) are advised that if any claim presented in a continuation or divisional application is anticipated by, or includes all the limitations of, a claim that is allowable in the present application, such claim may be subject to provisional statutory and/or nonstatutory double patenting rejections over the claims of the instant application. Once the restriction requirement is withdrawn, the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 121 are no longer applicable. See In re Ziegler, 443 F.2d 1211, 1215, 170 USPQ 129, 131-32 (CCPA 1971). See also MPEP § 804.01.

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4. This application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of claims 23-28, directed to a patentably distinct invention non-elected without traverse. Accordingly, claims 23-28 have been cancelled

- 5. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
- 6. Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Y. Jenny Chen on 2/17/09.

IN THE CLAIMS:

- 7. In claim 12, line 2, "adjutants" has been replaced with "adjuvants".
- 8. Claims 14 and 15 are cancelled.
- 9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Amy E. Juedes, Ph.D. whose telephone number is 571-272-4471. The examiner can normally be reached on 8am 5pm, Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eileen O'Hara can be reached on 571-272-0878. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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